***Tough Stuff from Jesus*** (14) 7-4-21

*Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to live and fulfill every challenge he ever gave us. He is our ultimate example.*

**Introduction:**

 A. Have you ever been embarrassed by someone’s help?

 1. Edsel worked on our washer in our new house

 2. More than expected & more than I could repay!

 B. Jesus’ last dinner with his disciples – John 13:1-17

 1. A secret meeting so no servant to clean feet and no one volunteered.

 2. Shocking – disturbing – offended – challenged!

 C. Three key elements I want to focus on:

**1. Togetherness**

 A. Important to Jesus – he wanted to be with those he loved! Vs.1

 1. Jesus elevates the importance of togetherness

 2. Vital to connect, care, & commit – Sunday class!

 B. Togetherness is about sharing not ticket punching!

 1. Love doesn’t grow from a distance!

 2. It is not an accident that it often includes food!

 C. Togetherness even when it includes a Judas!

**2. Teaching**

 A. Washing feet: menial, dirty, & undignified

 B. Loves does the unusual: LS vs. Foot washing?

 C. Teaching us what it means to “take up your cross”

 1. Humility

 2. Service

 3. Initiative

**3. Tough Stuff**

 A. Resisting tough stuff: Lk = argue about greatest in kingdom; Peter represented all of their thinking, vs.8

 B. Jesus knew it was a process – vs.7 “you will…”

 C. Do as I have done! Vs.13-14 Jesus showed us how to do every tough thing he challenged us with. Phil.2:5-8

**Conclusion:**

A. Jesus gave us the example and the proof that we can!

B. Jesus promised to be with us and help us all the way!

C. Anywhere with Jesus…